**Jamadars working in Banking Industry**

2081. SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) how many Jamadars are working in the banking industry on consolidated wages, 1/3rd scale, 1/2 scale, 2/3rd scale and on full scales wages;

(b) how much salary being paid to jamadars who are working on consolidate wages, 1/3rd scale, 1/2 scale, 2/3rd scale and on full scale wages;

(c) whether Government are considering to absorb all jamadars who are working on consolidated wages, 1/3rd scale, 1/2 scale and 2/3rd scale on full scale permanent employment;

(d) if so, how much time Government will take to absorb all part time jamadars on full scale; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House, to the extent available.

**SC/ST Employees Welfare Association in Syndicate Bank**

2082. SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Syndicate Bank Management is suppressing the Welfare activities of the employees belonging to SC/ST categories by harassing principal office bearers of all India Syndicate Bank SC/ST Employees Welfare Association (Regd.)

(b) whether such instances of harassment have been taken up by the aforesaid Welfare Association and also by people representatives with the Syndicate Bank Management; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken in this regard by the Syndicate Bank management?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) to (c) Syndicate Bank has reported that it is not suppressing the welfare activities of the employees belonging to SC/ST categories and it has not received any reference from All India Syndicate Bank SC/ST Employees Welfare Association (Regd.) in the bank. However, the bank has received references from some Members of Parliament about some individual cases of alleged harassment of President of the All India Syndicate Bank SC/ST Employees Association (Regd.) and another employee. The bank is looking into the matter.

**Employees of Syndicate Bank**

2083. SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) how many employees have been entrusted with special assistant duties in the various regions of Syndicate Bank since 1st January, 1978;

(b) how many of them belong to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes;

(c) whether reservation for SC/ST have been extended in the promotions from Clerk to Special Assistant grade;

(d) if so, how many of them have promoted on reserved quota; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) and (b) Syndicate Bank has reported that of the 1271 clerks entrusted with Special Assistant's duties in various regions/zones of the bank from 1-1-1978 to date, 42 belong to SC/ST.

(c) to (e) In terms of the bipartite settlements, entrustment of Special Assistant's duties to the senior clerks in public sector banks is not considered promotion and therfore, rule of reservation does not apply to such placements.

**Evasion of Excise Duty by Powerloom and Mill Sectors**

2084. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Powerloom and Mill Sectors have been able to evade payment of excise duty amounting to Rupees 1344 crores, as reported in the 'Indian Observer' dated the 17th October, 1994;

(b) if so, since when this evasion is going on and when was it detected;

(c) the reasons for such evasion; and

(d) the steps being contemplated to plug loopholes in the relevant law?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) Yes, Sir. Government is aware of the report published in the 'Observer' dated the 17th October, 1994 regarding alleged evasion of duty by powerloom and Mill Sectors.

(b) Evasion being a clandestine activity cannot be quantified. However, the Department has booked cases against processing houses which relate to supression of production, clandestine removals, misdescription of fabrics, misuse of exemption and